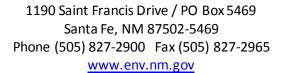


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GROUND WATER QUALITY BUREAU DISCHARGE PERMIT Issued under 20.6.2 NMAC

Facility Name:	Portales Wastewater Treatment Plant
Discharge Permit Number:	DP-887

Facility Location: 683 South Roosevelt Road Q1/2

Portales, NM

County: Roosevelt

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Groundwater Discharge Permit Guidance for Synthetically Lined Lagoons – Liner Material and Site Preparation, Revision 0.0, May 2007

New Mexico Environment Department Ground Water Quality Bureau Monitoring Well Construction and Abandonment Guidelines, Revision 1.1, March 2011 (Monitoring Well Guidance)

I. INTRODUCTION

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issues this groundwater discharge permit Renewal and Modification (Discharge Permit or DP-887), to the City of Portales (Permittee) pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Act (WQA), NMSA 1978 §§74-6-1 through 74-6-17, and the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Ground and Surface Water Protection Regulations, 20.6.2 NMAC.

NMED's purpose in issuing this Discharge Permit, and in imposing the requirements and conditions specified herein, is to control the discharge of water contaminants from City of Portales Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) in order to protect groundwater and those segments of surface water gaining from groundwater inflow for present and potential future use as domestic and agricultural water supply and other uses, and to protect public health. It is NMED's determination in issuing this Discharge Permit that the Permittee has met the requirements of Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC. The Permittee is responsible for complying with the terms and conditions of this Discharge Permit pursuant to Section 20.6.2.3104 NMAC; failure to do so may result in enforcement action by NMED (20.6.2.1220 NMAC).

Described below are the activities that produce the discharge, the location of the discharge, and the quantity, quality and flow characteristics.

The extended aeration plant wastewater treatment system receives and treats domestic wastewater at a volume of up to 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD) and stored in a synthetically lined re-use storage impoundment. Treated wastewater (reclaimed domestic wastewater) is discharged to City-owned properties after disc filtration (tertiary treatment) for above ground irrigation, and transferred for temporary uses such as dust control, street cleaning and construction purposes. Effluent that is not reclaimed for above ground irrigation, is discharged to a City-owned Playa and surrounding areas for final disposal. Solids are composted to Class "A" standards pursuant to 40 CFR 503 and applied to City-owned parks and other landscaped areas.

The Discharge Permit modification consists of a change in the location of the discharge of reclaimed domestic wastewater. The Permittee will no longer discharge Class 2 reclaimed domestic wastewater to Atkins Farms (DP-1821) and Randy & Kam Knight Horse/Hay Farm (DP-1828). The Permittee will discharge reclaimed wastewater discharges to Golf Course/County Club.

The discharge may contain water contaminants or toxic pollutants elevated above the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC and is not subject to the exemption at Subsection 20.6.2.3105.A NMAC.

The Facility is located at 683 South Roosevelt Road Q1/2, approximately two miles south of Portales, in Section 1, Township 2S, Range 34E; and Section 18, Township 2S, Range 35E (Playa)

in Roosevelt County. Reuse areas are located within Sections 25-26, 33-36, Township 1S, Range 34E; and Sections 1-4, 12, Township 2S, Range 34E also in Roosevelt County. A discharge at the Facility is most likely to affect groundwater at a depth of approximately 45-92 feet and having a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 565 milligrams per liter.

NMED issued the original Discharge Permit to the Permittee on March 31, 1995 and subsequently renewed the Permit on April 12, 2001, and August 19, 2015. The application (i.e., discharge plan) consists of the materials submitted by the Permittee dated April 2, 2020 and materials contained in the administrative record prior to issuance of this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall manage this discharge in accordance with all conditions and requirements of this Discharge Permit.

NMED reserves the right to require a Discharge Permit Modification in the event NMED determines that the Permittee is or may be violating, or is likely to violate in the future, the requirements of 20.6.2 NMAC or the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. NMED reserves this right pursuant to Section 20.6.2.3109 NMAC. An NMED requirement to modify the Discharge Permit may result from a determination that structural controls and/or management practices approved under this Discharge Permit need to be more stringent to protect groundwater quality. NMED reserves the right to require the Permittee implement abatement of water pollution and remediate groundwater quality.

Issuance of this Discharge Permit does not relieve the Permittee of the responsibility to comply with the WQA, WQCC Regulations, and any other applicable federal, state and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements and nuisance ordinances.

This Discharge Permit may use the following acronyms and abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Explanation	Abbreviation	Explanation
BOD ₅	biochemical oxygen demand	NMED New Mexico Environme	
	(5-day)		Department
CAP	Corrective Action Plan	NMSA	New Mexico Statutes
			Annotated
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	NO ₃ -N	nitrate-nitrogen
CFU	colony forming unit	NTU	nephelometric turbidity units
Cl	chloride	QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality
			Control
EPA	United States Environmental	TDS	total dissolved solids
	Protection Agency		
gpd	gallons per day	TKN	total Kjeldahl nitrogen
LAA	land application area	total nitrogen	= TKN + NO ₃ -N
LADS	Land Application Data Sheet(s)	TRC	total residual chlorine
mg/L	milligrams per liter	TSS	total suspended solids

Abbreviation	Explanation		Abbreviation	Explanation	
mL	milliliters		WQA	New Mexico Water Quality	
				Act	
MPN	most probable number		WQCC	Water Quality Control	
		Commission		Commission	
NMAC	New Mexico Administrative		WWTF Wastewater Treatment		
	Code			Facility	

II. FINDINGS

In issuing this Discharge Permit, NMED finds the following.

- The Permittee is discharging effluent or leachate from the Facility so that such effluent or leachate may move into groundwater of the State of New Mexico that has an existing concentration of 10,000 mg/L or less of TDS, within the meaning of Subsection A of 20.6.2.3101 NMAC, without exceeding standards of 20.6.2.3103 NMAC for any water contaminant.
- 2. The Permittee is allowed to discharge effluent or leachate from the Facility directly or indirectly into groundwater pursuant to this Discharge Permit and Sections 20.6.2.3000 through 20.6.2.3114 NMAC.
- 3. The discharge from the Facility is not subject to any of the exemptions of Section 20.6.2.3105 NMAC.

III. AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring that discharges authorized by this Discharge Permit are consistent with the terms and conditions herein pursuant to 20.6.2.3104 NMAC.

This Discharge Permit authorizes the Permittee to receive and treat up to 2.5 MGD of domestic wastewater using a wastewater treatment system including disc filtration for tertiary treatment. The Permittee is authorized to discharge Class 1A reuse water; to City-owned properties for above ground irrigation and to transfer Class 1A reuse water for temporary uses such as dust control, street cleaning and construction purposes. The Permittee is authorized to discharge excess Class 1A reuse and effluent that does not meet Class 1A reuse standards to a City-owned playa or the surrounding area for final disposal.

[20.6.2.3104 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3106 NMAC, Subsection D of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

IV. CONDITIONS

NMED issues this Discharge Permit for the discharge of water contaminants subject to the following conditions.

A. OPERATIONAL PLAN

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1.	The Permittee shall implement the following operational plan to ensure compliance with Title 20, Chapter 6, Parts 2 and 4 NMAC.
	[Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
2.	The Permittee shall operate in a manner that does not violate standards and requirements of Sections 20.6.2.3101 and 20.6.2.3103 NMAC.
	[20.6.2.3101 NMAC, 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

Operational Actions with Implementation Deadlines

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3.	Prior to discharging to each new reuse site, the Permittee shall submit documentation confirming the existence of the infrastructure necessary to transfer, distribute and apply reclaimed domestic wastewater to the new reuse areas (Golf Course/County Club). The Permittee shall ensure documentation confirming installation of the distribution system consists of a narrative statement including the system type and location, and the method of backflow prevention employed (if applicable). The Permittee shall provide this documentation to NMED prior to discharging to the reuse area. [Subsection C of 20.6.2.3106 NMAC, Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
4.	Prior to discharging to each new reuse site, the Permittee shall post signs in English and Spanish. The Permittee shall post the signs at the entrance to reuse areas and at other locations where public exposure to reclaimed domestic wastewater may occur. The signs shall state:
	NOTICE: THIS AREA IS IRRIGATED WITH RECLAIMED WASTEWATER - DO NOT DRINK. AVISO: ESTA ÁREA ESTÁ REGADA CON AGUAS NEGRAS RECOBRADAS - NO TOMAR.
	The Permittee may submit alternate wording and/or graphics to NMED for approval.
	Documentation of sign installation shall consist of a narrative statement describing the number and location of the signs and date-stamped photographs. The Permittee shall submit the documentation to NMED in the next required periodic monitoring report.

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	[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]		
5.	Within 60 days following the issuance date of this Discharge Permit (by DATE), the Permittee shall measure the thickness of the settled solids in the emergency concrete lined impoundment and the synthetically lined reuse storage impoundment. The Permittee shall report the results of the solids thickness measurements to NMED in the next required periodic monitoring report.		
	The Permittee shall measure the thickness of settled solids in accordance with the following procedure:		
	a) The division of the total surface area of the treatment impoundment into nine equal sub-areas.		
	b) One measurement (to the nearest half foot) using a settled solids measurement device (e.g., core sampler) per sub-area.		
	c) Calculation of the average of the nine measurements.		
	In the event that the measured settled solids exceed one-third of the maximum liquid depth in the impoundment, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan set forth in this Discharge Permit.		
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]		

Operating Conditions

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6.	The Permittee shall ensure that treated wastewater discharged from the final treatment process does not exceed the following discharge limit.			
	Total Nitrogen: 10 mg/	/L		
	[Subsection C of 20.6.2	.3109 NMAC]		
7.	The Permittee shall ensure that Class 1A reclaimed domestic wastewater discharged to any reuse area does not exceed the following discharge limits.			
	<u>Test</u>	30-day Average	<u>Maximum</u>	
	Fecal coliform	5 CFU per 100 mL	23 CFU per 100 mL	
	BOD₅ 10 mg/L 15 mg/L			
	Turbidity: 3 NTU 5 NTU			
	TRC	Monitor Only	Monitor Only	

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	[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]

8. The Permittee is authorized to discharge Class 1A reclaimed wastewater to the following locations:

Discharge Location:	Acres	Section(s)	Township	Range
Facility (Wash, Process	N/A	1	T2S	R34E
and Onsite Irrigation Uses)	'','		.23	1,0 1,2
Playa and surrounding	80	18	T2S	R34E
property				
Lindsey City Park SW	0.5	26	T1S	R34E
Confer City Park NW	0.5	26	T1S	R34E
La Buena Vida Park	1.0	26	T1S	R34E
Morrison City Park	1.0	25	T1S	R34E
City Park	4.7	36	T1S	R34E
Rotary City Park	10.3	35	T1S	R34E
City Recreation Complex	25.0	33,34	T1S	R34E
with two Ornamental				
Reuse Ponds	1			
Old City Landfill	120.0	12	T2S	R34E
City Cemetery	55.7	36	T1S	R34E
Industrial Park/Expansion	586.0	3,4	T2S	R34E
Area		33,34	T1S	R34E
Golf Course/County Club	N/A	33	T1S	R34E
Bulk Water Station (Stand-	N/A	1	T2S	R34E
Pipe Delivery)				
Fire Hydrants throughout	N/A	1	T2S	R34E
the city		2	T2S	R34E
		25	T1S	R34E
		26	T1S	R34E
		33	T1S	R34E
		35	T1S	R34E
		36	T1S	R34E

[20.6.3104 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3106 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

9. Treated wastewater that does <u>not</u> meet Class 1A reclaimed wastewater quality is authorized to be disinfected and discharged to the City-owned Playa and surrounding property (i.e., surface disposal area) for final disposal.

Terms and Conditions The Permittee shall meet the following setbacks, access restrictions and equipment requirements for spray irrigation using treated domestic wastewater. Maintain a minimum 500-foot setback between any dwellings or occupied a) establishments and the edge of the discharge location. Postpone irrigation using treated wastewater at times when windy conditions b) may result in drift of treated wastewater outside the discharge location. c) Restrict access to the discharge locations using perimeter fencing with fourstrand barbed wire and a locking gate, or other access controls approved by NMED. d) Prohibit public access during times when treated wastewater is being applied to the discharge location. e) Limit the spray irrigation system to low trajectory spray nozzles. Prohibit the irrigation of fodder, fiber and seed crops for milk producing animals f) with treated domestic wastewater. [Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1–78, § 74-6-5.D] Treated wastewater discharged to the City-owned Playa and surrounding property for 10. surface disposal shall not exceed the following limitations: Parameter: 30-Day Average Maximum Fecal Coliform Bacteria: 1,000 CFU/100 mL 5,000 CFU/100 mL TRC: Monitor Monitor The Permittee shall submit a log, or a statement that discharge did not occur to the Cityowned Playa and surrounding surface disposal area, to NMED in the subsequent quarterly monitoring report. [Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC] 11. The Permittee shall ensure adherence to the following general requirements for above ground use of reclaimed domestic wastewater and treated wastewater at the surface disposal area. a) Signs in English and Spanish shall be installed and maintained at all discharge locations such that they are visible and legible for the term of this Discharge Permit. Signs shall be posted at the entrance to discharge locations and at other locations where public exposure to wastewater may occur. The signs shall state: **NOTICE: THIS** AREA IS IRRIGATED WITH RECLAIMED WASTEWATER - DO NOT DRINK. AVISO: ESTA

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- b) Domestic wastewater systems shall have no direct or indirect cross connections with public water systems or irrigation wells pursuant to the latest revision of the New Mexico Plumbing Code (14.8.2 NMAC) and New Mexico Mechanical Code (14.9.2 NMAC).
- c) Above-ground use of domestic wastewater shall not result in excessive ponding of wastewater and shall not exceed the water consumptive needs of the crop. The discharge of reclaimed domestic wastewater shall not be conducted at times when the discharge location is saturated or frozen.
- d) The discharge of domestic wastewater shall be confined to the discharge locations.
- e) Water supply wells within 200 feet of a discharge location shall have adequate wellhead construction pursuant to 19.27.4 NMAC. The Permittee shall manage domestic wastewater to ensure protection of groundwater quality.
- f) Existing and accessible portions of the domestic wastewater distribution system (with the exception of application equipment such as sprinklers or pivots) shall be colored purple or clearly labeled as being part of a domestic wastewater distribution system. Piping, valves and outlets that are installed during the term of this Discharge Permit shall be colored purple pursuant to the latest revision of the New Mexico Plumbing Code (14.8.2 NMAC) and New Mexico Mechanical Code (14.9.2 NMAC) to differentiate piping or fixtures used to convey wastewater from those intended for potable or other uses. Valves, outlets, and sprinkler heads used in wastewater systems shall be accessible only to authorized personnel.

The Permittee shall demonstrate adherence to these requirements by submitting documentation consisting of narrative statements and date-stamped photographs as appropriate. The Permittee shall submit the documentation to NMED once during the term of this Discharge Permit in the next required periodic monitoring report after the issuance of the Discharge Permit.

[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1–78, § 74-6–5.D]

- 12. The Permittee shall meet the following requirements for the temporary above-ground use of reclaimed domestic wastewater.
 - a) Restrict access to the reclaimed domestic wastewater distribution system (standpipe). Transfer of reclaimed domestic wastewater to other users shall only be done by the Permittee or its designee. The Permittee shall prohibit public access to the reclaimed domestic wastewater system.
 - b) Notify all recipients of reclaimed domestic wastewater for temporary uses in writing of the following.

i. Reclaimed domestic wastewater is approved only for construction activities; soil compaction; mixing of mortars, slurries or cement; dust control on roads and construction sites; animal watering; and irrigation of non-food crops. ii. Reclaimed domestic wastewater shall be discharged by gravity flow or under

- ii. Reclaimed domestic wastewater shall be discharged by gravity flow or under low pressure in a manner that minimizes misting and does not results in excessive standing or ponding of wastewater.
- iii. If the discharge method results in misting, the area(s) receiving the reclaimed domestic wastewater must be 100 feet from areas accessible to the public.
- iv. The area receiving the discharge must be 300 feet from potable water supply wells.
- v. Transport vehicles and storage tanks containing reclaimed domestic wastewater shall have signs, in English and Spanish, identifying the contents as non-potable water and advising against consumption.
- vi. The user shall not apply of reclaimed domestic wastewater at times when the receiving area is saturated or frozen.

The Permittee shall maintain a log of all recipients of reclaimed domestic wastewater and shall provide the log to NMED upon request.

[20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

13. The Permittee shall institute a backflow prevention method to protect wells and public water supply systems from contamination by reclaimed domestic wastewater prior to discharging to the reuse area. Backflow prevention shall be achieved by a total disconnect (physical air gap separation between the discharge pipe and the liquid surface at least twice the diameter of the discharge pipe), or by a reduced pressure principal backflow prevention assembly (RP) installed on the line between the fresh water supply wells or public water supply and the reclaimed domestic wastewater delivery system. The Permittee shall maintain backflow prevention at all times.

The Permittee shall have RP devices inspected and tested by a certified backflow prevention assembly tester at the time of installation, repair or relocation and at least on an annual basis thereafter. The backflow prevention assembly tester shall have successfully completed a 40-hour backflow prevention course based on the University of Southern California's Backflow Prevention Standards and Test Procedures, and obtained certification demonstrating completion. The Permittee shall have all malfunctioning RP devices repaired or replaced within 30 days of discovery. Supply lines associated with the RP device shall cease being used until repair or replacement has been completed.

The Permittee shall maintain copies of the inspection and maintenance records and test results for each RP device associated with the backflow prevention program at a location available for inspection by NMED.

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	[Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
14.	The Permittee shall maintain 18 to 24-inch berms around the Playa to prevent surface water run-on and run-off. The Permittee shall inspect the berms on a monthly basis and after any major precipitation event and repaired as necessary.
	The Permittee shall keep a log of the inspections that includes a date of the inspection, any findings and repairs, and the name of the person responsible for the inspection. The Permittee shall make the log available to NMED upon request.
	[Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
15.	The Permittee shall maintain fences around the Facility to restrict access by the general public and animals. The fences shall consist of a minimum of six-foot chain link or field fencing and locking gates. The Permittee shall maintain the fences to serve the stated purpose throughout the term of this Discharge Permit.
	[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]
16.	The Permittee shall install and maintain signs indicating that the wastewater at the Facility, the Playa and surrounding property is non-potable. The Permittee shall post signs at the Facility entrance and other areas where there is potential for public contact with wastewater. The signs shall be printed in English and Spanish and shall remain visible and legible for the term of this Discharge Permit.
	[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]
17.	In the event that an uncharacteristic influent is introduced into the Facility which has the potential to upset the treatment processes, the permittee is authorized to divert the influent at the headworks through a diversion system into a concrete-lined emergency storage impoundment. The Permittee will notify NMED within 24 hours following such a diversion into the impoundment. The Permittee shall dilute the diverted wastewater (as needed) and send it back into the Facility headworks to be treated by the treatment system within 90 days of the diversion.
	The Permittee shall submit a log, or a statement that diversions did not occur into the emergency concrete-lined impoundment or shall submit within 30 days of the diversion a log, or a statement stating that the wastewater has been re-introduced into the treatment system.
	[20.6.3104 NMAC, 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

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	with accepted process control methods. The Permittee shall contain, transport and dispose of solids removed from the treatment process in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
21.	The Permittee shall thicken the removed solids with a screw pump or dewater the solids on three concrete-lined sludge drying beds. The Permittee shall return any decanted wastewater generated from either dewatering process to the Facility headworks. The Permittee shall transfer dewatered sludge to a concrete-lined pad for composting. The Permittee shall compost sludge to Class "A" standards and disposed of in accordance with 40 CFR 503. The Permittee shall provide NMED with any manifest records of solids disposal in the quarterly monitoring reports. [20.6.2.3106 NMAC, 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
22.	The Permittee shall utilize operators, certified by the State of New Mexico at the appropriate level pursuant to 20.7.4 NMAC, to operate the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal systems. A certified operator or a direct supervisee of a certified operator shall perform the operations and maintenance of all or any part of the wastewater system. The Permittee shall notify the NMED within 24 hours if at any time the Permittee no longer has a certified operator maintaining the system. [Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, 20.7.4 NMAC]

B. MONITORING AND REPORTING

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23.	The Permittee shall conduct the monitoring, reporting, and other requirements listed below in accordance with the monitoring requirements of this Discharge Permit.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
24.	METHODOLOGY – Unless otherwise specified by this Discharge Permit, or approved in writing by NMED, the Permittee shall use sampling and analytical techniques that conform with the references listed in Subsection B of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC.
	[Subsection B of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]

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25.	Quarterly monitoring: The Permittee shall perform monitoring and other Permit required actions during the following periods and shall submit quarterly reports to NMED by the following due dates: • January 1st through March 31st – due by May 1st;
	 April 1st through June 30th – due by August 1st; July 1st through September 30th – due by November 1st; and October 1st through December 31st – due by February 1st.

Monitoring Actions with Implementation Deadlines

26. The Permittee shall sample reclaimed domestic wastewater for the presence of perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs).

Within 180 days of the issuance date of this Discharge Permit (by **DATE**), the Permittee shall collect a single grab sample from the synthetically lined reuse storage impoundment. The Permittee shall analyze the sample for the following PFCs:

- perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (CAS 355-46-4)
- perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) (CAS 1763-23-1)
- perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (CAS 335-67-1)

The Permittee shall properly collect, prepare, preserve, transport, and analyze the sample in accordance with ASTM D7979-17, or an equivalent method that uses liquid chromatography and tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS). The reporting limit shall be low enough to identify whether the combined concentration of the perfluorinated chemicals is less than the Tap Water Screening Level identified in the *NMED Risk Assessment Guidance for Site Assessments and Investigations*, Table A-1 available on the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau's website under Guidance Documents. The Permittee shall take appropriate measures to avoid cross contamination while collecting and transporting the sample. The selected laboratory should be able to provide guidance that ensures sample integrity. The Permittee shall submit a copy of the laboratory report, including analytical results, the QA/QC summary, and the Chain of Custody to NMED within 30 days of laboratory report receipt.

[Subsection H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]

Groundwater Monitoring Conditions

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- 27. The Permittee shall perform quarterly groundwater sampling in the following groundwater monitoring wells and analyze the samples for TKN, NO₃-N, TDS and Cl.
 - a) MW-2R, located south of the effluent storage impoundment at 34°09′26.72″ N, 103°19′27.33″ W
 - b) MW-5, located east of the closed landfill area at 34°09'23.72" N, 103°19'05.57 W
 - c) MW-7, located southeast of the City-owned playa at 34°08′17.05″ N, 103°18′18.88 W
 - d) MW-8, located between the main gate and composting area at 34°09′37.40″ N, 103°19′34.28″ W
 - e) MW-9, located on the southeast corner of the reuse storage impoundment at 34°09'28.58" N, 103°19'.94" W

The Permittee shall perform groundwater sample collection, preservation, transport and analysis according to the following procedures:

- a) Measure the depth-to-most-shallow groundwater from the top of the well casing to the nearest one-hundredth of a foot.
- b) Purge three well volumes of water from the well prior to sample collection.
- c) Obtain samples from the well for analysis.
- d) Properly prepare, preserve and transport samples.
- e) Analyze samples in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit.

The Permittee shall submit the depth-to-most-shallow groundwater measurements and the laboratory analytical data results including the laboratory QA/QC summary report for each well, and a Facility layout map showing the location and number of each well to NMED in the quarterly monitoring reports.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]

28. The Permittee shall develop a groundwater elevation contour map, i.e., potentiometric surface map, on a quarterly basis using the top of casing elevation data from the monitoring well survey and the most recent depth-to-most-shallow groundwater measurements, referenced to mean sea level, obtained during the groundwater sampling required by this Discharge Permit.

The groundwater elevation contour map shall depict the groundwater flow direction based on the groundwater elevation contours. The Permittee shall estimate groundwater elevations between monitoring well locations using common interpolation methods. The Permittee shall use a contour interval appropriate to the data, but shall not be greater than two feet. Groundwater elevation contour maps shall use arrows to depict the groundwater flow direction based on the orientation of the groundwater

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	elevation contours, and shall locate and identify each monitoring well and contaminant source.
	The Permittee shall submit to NMED a groundwater elevation contour map in the quarterly monitoring reports.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]
29.	NMED shall have the option to perform downhole inspections of all groundwater monitoring wells identified in this Discharge Permit. NMED shall establish the inspection date and provide at least a 60-day notice to the Permittee by certified mail. The Permittee shall have any existing dedicated pumps removed at least 48 hours prior to NMED inspection to allow adequate settling time of sediment agitated from pump removal. Should the Permittee decide to install a pump monitoring well without a dedicated pump, the Permittee shall notify NMED at least 90 days prior to pump installation so that NMED can schedule a downhole well inspection(s) prior to pump placement. [Subsections A and D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]

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30.	The Permittee shall measure the total monthly volume, calculate the daily average volume and record the daily peak volume of wastewater received by the treatment facility each month using the 12-inch Parshall Flume with secondary Hach 1500 Controller located at the headworks.
	The Permittee shall submit the totalized, average daily and peak daily influent volumes for each month to NMED in the quarterly monitoring reports.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
31.	The Permittee shall measure the totalized monthly and average daily volume of treated wastewater discharged from the Facility to the City-owned Playa. The permittee shall obtain measurements using a primary measuring device (Parshall flume equipped with head sensing, totalizing and chart recording/data logging mechanisms) located on the Playa discharge line exiting the Facility.

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	The Permittee shall submit the totalized, average daily and peak daily discharge volumes for each month to NMED in the quarterly monitoring reports.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
32.	The Permittee shall measure the monthly volume of reclaimed wastewater discharged from the standpipe (bulk water station). The Permittee shall obtain readings from a totalizing flow meter located on the discharge line from the bulk water station on a monthly basis and calculate the monthly and average daily discharge volume.
	The Permittee shall submit month meter readings, calculated monthly and average daily discharge volumes to NMED in the quarterly monitoring reports.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
33.	The Permittee shall measure the monthly volume discharged to each reuse area using totalizing flow meter located on the transfer line between the tertiary treatment (reuse system) and each reuse area. The Permittee shall maintain a log that records the date the discharge occurs to each reuse area and identify the reuse area. The log shall provide the monthly totalizing meter readings and units of measure (i.e., gpd, gpm). The log shall be used to calculate the total monthly volume of reclaimed wastewater discharged to each reuse area. If no discharge of reclaimed wastewater is made, it should be noted on the log. The Permittee shall submit the to NMED in the quarterly monitoring reports. [Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
34.	All flow meters shall be capable of having their accuracy verified under working (i.e., real-time in-the-field) conditions. The Permittee shall develop a field verification method for each flow meter and shall utilize that method to check the accuracy of each respective meter. The Permittee shall perform field calibrations, at a minimum, once within 90 days of the issuance date of this Discharge Permit (by DATE), and then on an annual basis. The Permittee shall also perform field calibrations upon repair or replacement of a flow measurement device. The Permittee shall ensure each flow meter is calibrated to its manufacturer's recommended specification which shall be no less accurate than plus or minus 10 percent of actual flow, as measured underfield conditions. An individual knowledgeable in flow measurement shall perform field calibration and the installation/operation of the device in use. The Permittee shall prepare a flow meter calibration report for each flow measurement device calibration event. The flow meter calibration report shall include the following information.

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- a) The location and meteridentification.
- b) The method of flow meter field calibration employed.
- c) The measured accuracy of each flow meter prior to adjustment indicating the positive or negative offset as a percentage of actual flow as determined by an in-field calibration check.
- d) The measured accuracy of each flow meter following adjustment, if necessary, indicating the positive or negative offset as a percentage of actual flow of the meter.
- e) Any flow meter repairs made during the previous year or during field calibration.
- f) The name of the individual performing the calibration and the date of the calibration.

The Permittee shall maintain records of flow meter calibration(s) at a location accessible for review by NMED during Facility inspections.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

35. The Permittee shall visually inspect flow meters on a monthly basis for evidence of malfunction. The Permittee shall maintain a log of the inspections that includes a date of the inspection, findings and repairs, and the name of the inspector. The Permittee shall make the log available to NMED upon request.

If a visual inspection indicates a flow meter is not functioning as required by this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall repair or replace the meter within 30 days of discovery. For *repaired* meters, the Permittee shall submit a report to NMED with the next monitoring report following the repair that includes a description of the malfunction; a statement verifying the repair; and a flow meter field calibration report completed in accordance with the requirements of this Discharge Permit. For *replacement* meters, the Permittee shall submit a report to NMED with the next monitoring report following the replacement that includes a design schematic for the device and a flow meter field calibration report completed in accordance with the requirements of this Discharge Permit.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

- During any week that the discharge of wastewater to the surface disposal area occurs, the permittee shall perform the following analysis on wastewater samples collected from the #3 splitter box on the Playa discharge line (located south of the old landfill) using the following sampling method and frequency:
 - Fecal Coliform Bacteria; grab sample at peak flow three times per week;
 - TRC concentrations: monitor and record whenever fecal coliform samples are collected.

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	The Permittee shall ensure the samples are properly prepared, preserved, transported and analyzed in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall submit the laboratory analytical data results, including the QA/QC summary and Chain of Custody, to NMED in the subsequent quarterly monitoring report. Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, subsections B, C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]
37.	The Permittee shall collect samples of reclaimed domestic wastewater from the last
37.	 TKN; NO3-N; TDS; and Cl. The Permittee shall ensure the samples are properly prepared, preserved, transported and analyzed in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The
	Permittee shall submit the laboratory analytical data results, including the QA/QC summary and Chain of Custody, to NMED in the subsequent quarterly monitoring report.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
38.	The Permittee shall collect a composite wastewater sample on a quarterly basis from the Playa. The composite sample shall consist of a minimum of six equal aliquots collected equidistantly around the entire perimeter of the evaporative impoundment and thoroughly mixed. The Permittee shall analyze the composite sample for:
	• TKN;
	• NO3-N;
	TDS; andCI.
	The Permittee shall ensure the sample is properly prepared, preserved, transported and analyzed in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall submit the laboratory analytical data results, including the QA/QC summary and Chain of Custody, to NMED in the quarterly monitoring reports.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
39.	During any week that the discharge of reclaimed domestic wastewater occurs, the Permittee shall perform the following analyses on the wastewater samples collected after the disc filters prior to reuse using the following sampling method and frequency:

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- Fecal coliform; grab sample at peak daily flow three times per week;
- BOD5; six-hour composite sample three times per week;
- Turbidity; continuously monitor reclaimed domestic wastewater for turbidity after the final treatment process and while discharging; record the average and maximum turbidity values for each calendar month; and
- TRC concentrations; record whenever collecting bacteria samples.

The Permittee shall ensure the samples are properly prepared, preserved, transported and analyzed in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall submit the laboratory analytical data results, including the QA/QC summary and Chain of Custody, monthly average and maximum turbidity values, and a copy of the log of TRC concentrations to NMED in the subsequent quarterly monitoring report.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections B, C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]

- 40. On an annual basis, the Permittee shall collect a 24-hour flow weighted composite sample (except as noted for pH) of reclaimed domestic wastewater after the disc filters and analyze the sample for the following inorganic contaminants (dissolved fraction, except as noted):
 - aluminum (CAS 7429-90-5)
 - antimony (CAS 7440-36-0)
 - arsenic (CAS 7440-38-2)
 - barium CAS 7440-39-3)
 - beryllium (CAS 7440-41-7)
 - boron (CAS 7440-42-8)
 - cadmium (CAS 7440-43-9)
 - chromium (CAS 7440-47-3)
 - cobalt (CAS 7440-48-4)
 - copper (CAS 7440-50-8)
 - cyanide CAS 57-12-5)
 - fluoride (CAS 16984-48-8)
 - iron (CAS 7439-89-6)
 - lead (CAS 7439-92-1)
 - manganese (CAS 7439-96-5)

- molybdenum (CAS 7439-98-7)
- total mercury (nonfiltered) (CAS 7439-97-6)
- pH (instantaneous)
- nickel (CAS 7440-02-0)
- radioactivity: combined radium-226 & radium-228 (CAS 15262-20-1)
- selenium (CAS 7782-49-2)
- silver (CAS 7440-224)
- sulfate (CAS 14808-79-8)
- thallium (CAS 7440-28-0)
- uranium (CAS 7440-61-1)
- zinc (CAS 7440-66-6)

The Permittee shall ensure the sample is properly collected, prepared, preserved, transported and analyzed in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge

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vinyl chloride (CAS 75-01-4)

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ethylbenzene (CAS 100-41-4)total xylenes (CAS 1330-20-7)

The Permittee shall ensure the sample is properly collected, prepared, preserved, transported and analyzed in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall analyze samples using methods with reporting limits that are less than the corresponding numerical groundwater standards identified in 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. The reporting limit for 1,4-dioxane shall be less than the Tap Water Screening Level for 1,4-dioxane identified in the NMED Risk Assessment Guidance for Site Assessments and Investigations, Table A-1 (available on the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau's website under Guidance Documents).

If the results of two consecutive sampling events indicate no detection of 1,4-dioxane above the reporting limit, the Permittee may request to reduce the sampling frequency.

The Permittee shall submit a summary of measured concentrations compared with the corresponding groundwater standards, and a copy of the laboratory report including the laboratory analytical data results, the QA/QC summary and the Chain of Custody to NMED in the monitoring reports due by August 1st each year.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

42. The Permittee shall submit records of solids disposal, including a copy of all Discharge Monitoring Reports (i.e., DMRs) required by the EPA pursuant to 40 CFR 503, for the previous calendar year, to NMED annually in the monitoring report due by August 1st each year.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]

C. CONTINGENCY PLAN

43. In the event that groundwater monitoring indicates that groundwater exceeds a standard identified in Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC in a monitoring well with no previous exceedances of the chemical constituent at the date of issuance of this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall collect a confirmatory sample from the monitoring well within 15 days of receipt of the initial sampling results to confirm the initial sampling results.

Within 60 days of confirmation of groundwater contamination, the Permittee shall submit to NMED a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that proposes, at a minimum,

contaminant source control measures and an implementation schedule. The Permittee shall the CAP as approved by NMED.

Once this groundwater exceedance response condition is invoked whether during the term of this Discharge Permit or after the term of this Discharge Permit and prior to the completion of the Discharge Permit closure plan requirements, this condition shall apply until the Permittee has fulfilled the requirements of this condition and groundwater monitoring confirms for a minimum of eight (8) consecutive quarterly samples that groundwater does not exceed the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC.

Violation of the groundwater standard beyond 180 days after the confirmation of groundwater contamination may cause NMED to require the Permittee to abate water pollution consistent with the requirements and provisions of Section 20.6.2.4101, Section 20.6.2.4103, Subsections C and E of 20.6.2.4106, Section 20.6.2.4107, Section 20.6.2.4108 and Section 20.6.2.4112 NMAC.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection E of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

44. In the event that information available to NMED indicates that a well is not constructed in a manner consistent with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance; contains insufficient water to effectively monitor groundwater quality; or is otherwise not completed in a manner that is protective of groundwater quality, the Permittee shall install a replacement well(s) within 120 days following notification from NMED.

The Permittee shall survey the replacement monitoring well(s) within 30 days following well completion.

The Permittee shall install replacement wells at locations approved by NMED and completed in accordance with the Monitoring Well Guidance. The Permittee shall submit construction and lithologic logs survey data and a groundwater elevation contour map to NMED within 60 days following well completion.

The Permittee shall properly plug and abandon the monitoring well requiring replacement upon completion of the replacement monitoring well. The Permittee shall complete the well plugging and abandonment, and shall document the abandonment procedures, in accordance with the Monitoring Well Guidance, and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations. The Permittee shall submit well abandonment documentation to NMED within 60 days of completion of well plugging activities.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]

45. In the event that groundwater flow information obtained pursuant to this Discharge Permit indicates that a monitoring well is not appropriately located, e.g., hydrologically downgradient of the discharge location it is intended to monitor, the Permittee shall

install a replacement well within 120 days following notification from NMED. The Permittee shall survey the replacement monitoring well within 150 days following notification from NMED.

The Permittee shall install replacement wells at locations approved by NMED prior to installation and completed in accordance with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance. The Permittee shall submit construction and lithologic logs, survey data and a groundwater elevation contour map within 30 days following well completion.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]

- 46. In the event that analytical results of a treated wastewater sample indicate an exceedance of the total nitrogen discharge limit set in this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall collect and submit for analysis a second sample within 48 hours of the receipt of the initial sampling results. In the event the second sample results indicate an exceedance of the discharge limit, the Permittee shall implement the following contingencies.
 - a) Within 7 days of the second sample analysis date indicating exceedance of the discharge limit, the Permittee shall:
 - i) notify NMED that the Permittee is implementing the Contingency Plan; and
 - ii) submit a copy of the first and second analytical results indicating an exceedance to NMED.
 - b) The Permittee shall increase the frequency of total nitrogen wastewater sampling and analysis of treated wastewater to once permonth.
 - c) The Permittee shall examine the operation and maintenance log, required by the Record Keeping conditions of this Discharge Permit, for improper operational procedures.
 - d) The Permittee shall conduct a physical inspection of the treatment system to detect abnormalities. The Permittee shall correct any abnormalities discovered. The Permittee shall submit a report to NMED detailing the corrections within 30 days of correction.
 - e) In the event that any analytical results from monthly wastewater sampling indicate an exceedance of the total nitrogen discharge limit, the Permittee shall submit a CAP to NMED for approval proposing to modify operational procedures and/or upgrade the treatment process to achieve the total nitrogen limit. The Permittee shall submit the CAP including a schedule for completion of corrective actions and within 90 days of receipt of the analytical results of the second sample indicating that the discharge limit is continuing to be exceeded. The Permittee shall initiate implementation of the CAP following approval by NMED.

When analytical results from three consecutive months of wastewater sampling do not exceed the discharge limit, the Permittee may request NMED authorize a return to a quarterly monitoring frequency.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

47. In the event that analytical results of a reclaimed domestic wastewater sample indicate an exceedance of any of the maximum discharge limits for BOD₅, turbidity, or fecal coliform or E. coli bacteria set by this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall collect and submit for analysis a second sample within 24 hours after becoming aware of the exceedance. In the event the second sample results confirm the exceedance of the maximum discharge limits, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan below.

In the event that analytical results of a reclaimed domestic wastewater sample indicate an exceedance of any of the 30-day average discharge limits for BOD₅, turbidity, or fecal coliform or E. coli bacteria set by this Discharge Permit (i.e., confirmed exceedance), the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan below.

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- a) Within 24 hours of becoming aware of a confirmed exceedance (as identified above), the Permittee shall:
 - i) notify NMED that the Permittee is implementing the Contingency Plan; and
 - ii) submit copies of the recent analytical results indicating an exceedance to NMED.
- b) The Permittee shall immediately cease discharging reclaimed domestic wastewater to the reuse areas if the fecal coliform or E. coli bacteria maximum limit is exceeded.
- c) The Permittee shall examine the operation and maintenance log, required by the Record Keeping conditions of this Discharge Permit, for improper operational procedures.
- d) The Permittee shall conduct a physical inspection of the treatment system to detect abnormalities and shall correct any abnormalities discovered. The Permittee shall submit a report detailing the corrections made to NMED within 30 days following correction.

When the analytical results from samples of reclaimed domestic wastewater, sampled as required by this Discharge Permit, no longer indicate an exceedance of any of the maximum discharge limits, the Permittee may resume discharging reclaimed domestic wastewater to the reuse area.

If a Facility is required to implement the Contingency Plan more than two times in a 12-month period, the Permittee shall propose to modify operational procedures and/or upgrade the treatment process to achieve consistent compliance with the maximum and 30-day average discharge limits by submitting a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for NMED approval. The Permittee shall ensure the CAP includes a schedule for completion of corrective actions and is submitted within 60 days following receipt of the analytical

results confirming the exceedance. The Permittee shall initiate implementation of the CAP following approval by NMED. NMED may require, prior to recommencing discharge to the reuse area, additional sampling of any stored reclaimed domestic wastewater.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

48. In the event that an inspection reveals significant damage has occurred or is likely to affect the structural integrity of an impoundment or liner or their ability to contain contaminants, the Permittee shall propose the repair or replacement by submitting a CAP to NMED for approval. The Permittee shall ensure the CAP is submitted to NMED within 30 days after discovery of the damage or following notification from NMED that significant damage is evident. The Permittee shall ensure the CAP includes a schedule for completion of corrective actions. The Permittee shall initiate implementation of the CAP following approval by NMED.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

49. In the event that an impoundment cannot preserve a minimum of two feet of freeboard, the Permittee shall take actions to restore the required freeboard as authorized by this Discharge Permit and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

In the event that two feet of freeboard cannot be restored within a period of 72 hours following discovery, the Permittee shall propose actions to restore two feet of freeboard by submitting a short-term CAP to NMED for approval. Examples of short-term corrective actions include the pumping and hauling of excess wastewater from the impoundment or reducing the volume of wastewater discharged to the impoundment. The Permittee shall ensure the CAP includes a schedule for completion of corrective actions. The Permittee shall submit the CAP within 15 days following the date the Permittee or the NMED discover the exceedance. The Permittee shall implement the CAP following NMED approval.

In the event that the short-term corrective actions fail to restore two feet of freeboard, the Permittee shall submit to NMED a proposal for permanent corrective actions in a long-term CAP. The Permittee shall submit the long-term CAP within 90 days following failure of the short-term CAP. Examples corrective actions include the installation of an additional storage impoundment or a significant and permanent reduction in the volume of wastewater discharged to the impoundment. The Permittee shall ensure the long-term CAP includes a schedule for completion of corrective actions. The Permittee shall implement the CAP following NMED approval.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]

50. In the event the average solids accumulation exceeds one-third of the maximum liquid depth in the impoundments, the Permittee shall propose a plan for the removal and

disposal of the solids. The Permittee shall submit the solids removal and disposal plan to NMED for approval within 120 days following the issuance date of this Discharge Permit (by DATE) and includes the following information:

- a) A method for removal of the solids to a depth of less than six inches throughout the treatment impoundment in a manner that is protective of the impoundment liner.
- b) A description of how the Permittee will contain, transport, and dispose of the solids in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations, including 40 CFR Part 503.
- c) A schedule for completion of the solids removal and disposal project.

The Permittee shall initiate implementation of the plan following approval by NMED.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

In the event that a release occurs that is not authorized under this Discharge Permit (commonly known as a "spill"), the Permittee shall take measures to mitigate damage from the unauthorized discharge and initiate the notifications and corrective actions required in Section 20.6.2.1203 NMAC and summarized below.

Within <u>24 hours</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall verbally notify NMED and provide the following information.

- a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person or persons in charge of the Facility, as well as of the owner and/or operator of the Facility.
- b) The name and address of the Facility.
- c) The date, time, location, and duration of the unauthorized discharge.
- d) The source and cause of unauthorized discharge.
- e) A description of the unauthorized discharge, including its estimated chemical composition.
- f) The estimated volume of the unauthorized discharge.
- g) Any actions taken to mitigate immediate damage from the unauthorized discharge.

Within <u>one week</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall submit written notification to NMED providing the information listed above and any pertinent updates.

Within <u>15 days</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to NMED describing any corrective actions previously taken and corrective actions to be taken relative to the unauthorized discharge. The CAP shall include the following information.

 a) A description of proposed actions to mitigate damage from the unauthorized discharge.

- b) A description of proposed actions to prevent future unauthorized discharges of this nature.
- c) A schedule for completion of proposed actions.

In the event that the unauthorized discharge causes or may with reasonable probability cause water pollution in excess of the standards and requirements of Section 20.6.2.4103 NMAC, and the water pollution will not be abated within 180 days after notice is required to be given pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of 20.6.2.1203 NMAC, NMED may require the Permittee to abate water pollution pursuant to Sections 20.6.2.4000 through 20.6.2.4115 NMAC.

The Permittee shall not construe anything in this condition as relieving them of the obligation to comply with all requirements of Section 20.6.2.1203 NMAC.

[20.6.2.1203 NMAC]

52. In the event that NMED or the Permittee identifies any failures of the discharge plan, i.e., the application, or this Discharge Permit not specifically noted herein, NMED may require the Permittee to submit a Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for completion of corrective actions to address the failure(s). Additionally, NMED may require a discharge permit modification to achieve compliance with 20.6.2 NMAC.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection E of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

D. CLOSURE PLAN

Closure Actions with Implementation Deadlines

Terms and Conditions The permittee has permanently ceased discharging to impoundments #2, #3, which were part of the previous treatment system. The permittee is currently treating domestic wastewater with a new mechanical plant. The permittee shall submit a sludge closure, removal and disposal plan to NMED within 90 days of permit issuance (by DATE). The sludge closure, removal and disposal plan shall include: a) The estimated volume and dry weight of sludge planned to be removed and disposed of, including measurements and calculations. b) Analytical results for samples of the sludge taken from the impoundment for TKN, NO₃-N, percent total solids, and any other parameters tested (reported in mg/kg, dry weight basis). c) The method(s) of sludge removal from the impoundment.

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- d) The method(s) of disposal for all of the sludge (and its contents) removed from the impoundment. The method(s) shall comply with all local, state and federal regulations, including 40 CFR Part 503. Note: A proposal that includes the surface disposal of sludge may be subject to Groundwater Discharge Permitting requirements pursuant to 20.6.2.3104 NMAC that are separate from the requirements of this Discharge Permit.
- e) A schedule for completion of sludge removal and disposal not to exceed the term of this Discharge Permit.

The Permittee shall initiate implementation of the plan within 30 days following approval by NMED.

Within <u>one year</u> following completion of the sludge removal and disposal, the Permittee shall complete the following closure measures for the impoundment(s).

- a) Remove all lines leading to and from the impoundment(s), or permanently plug and abandon them in place.
- b) Perforate or remove the impoundment liner.
- c) Fill the impoundment(s) with suitable fill.
- d) Re-grade the impoundment site to blend with surface topography, promote positive drainage and prevent ponding.

The Permittee shall continue to sample groundwater monitoring wells associated with the closed impoundment until the requirements of this condition have been met and groundwater monitoring confirms for a minimum of eight (8) consecutive quarterly groundwater sampling events that the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC are not exceeded in groundwater. This period is referred to as "post-closure."

If at any time monitoring results show an exceedance of a groundwater quality standard in Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan required by this Discharge Permit.

Following notification from NMED that post-closure monitoring may cease, the Permittee shall plug and abandon the monitoring well(s) in accordance with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance.

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection D of 20.6.2.4103 NMAC, 40 CFR Part 503]

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54. The Permittee shall perform the following closure measures in the event the Facility, or a component of the Facility, is proposed to be permanently closed.

Within <u>90 days</u> of ceasing to discharge to the treatment system, the Permittee shall complete the following closure measures.

- a) Plug the line leading to the system so that a discharge can no longer occur.
- b) Evaporate wastewater in the system components and storage impoundment(s), or drained and disposed of in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations, or discharged from the system to the reuse area as authorized by this Discharge Permit. The discharge of accumulated solids (sludge) to the reuse area is prohibited.
- c) Contain, transport, and dispose of solids removed from the treatment system in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations, including 40 CFR Part 503. The Permittee shall maintain a record of all solids transported for off-site disposal.

Within <u>180 days</u> of ceasing to discharge to the treatment system (or unit), the Permittee shall complete the following closure measures.

- a) Remove all lines leading to and from the treatment system, or permanently plug and abandon them in place.
- b) Remove or demolish all treatment system components, and re-grade the area with suitable fill to blend with surface topography, promote positive drainage and prevent ponding.
- c) Perforate or remove the storage impoundment liner(s); fill the impoundment(s) with suitable fill; and re-grade the impoundment site(s) to blend with surface topography, promote positive drainage and prevent ponding.

The Permittee shall continue groundwater monitoring until the Permittee meets the requirements of this condition and groundwater monitoring confirms for a minimum of eight consecutive quarterly groundwater sampling events that groundwater does not exceed the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. This period is referred to as "post-closure."

If at any time monitoring results show an exceedance of a groundwater quality standard in Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan required by this Discharge Permit.

Following notification from NMED that the Permittee may cease post-closure monitoring, the Permittee shall plug and abandon the monitoring well(s) in accordance with the attachment Monitoring Well Guidance.

When the Permittee has met all closure and post-closure requirements and verified appropriate actions with date stamped photographic evidence or an associated NMED

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	inspection, the Permittee may submit to NMED a written request, including photographic evidence, for termination of the Discharge Permit.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection D of 20.6.2.4103 NMAC, 40 CFR Part 503]
55.	The Permittee shall perform the following closure measures in the event the Facility, or a component thereof, is proposed to be permanently closed.
	Within <u>60 days</u> of ceasing to discharge to the impoundment(s), the Permittee shall plug the impoundment influent lines so that a discharge can no longer occur.
	Within <u>60 days</u> of ceasing to discharge to the impoundment(s), the Permittee shall discharge wastewater from the impoundment and any other wastewater system component to the reuse area, as authorized by this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall not discharge accumulated solids (sludge) from the impoundment to the reuse area.
	 Within 90 days of ceasing to discharge to the impoundment(s), the Permittee shall submit a sludge removal and disposal plan to NMED for approval. The Permittee shall implement the plan within 30 days following approval by NMED. The sludge removal and disposal plan shall include the following information. a) The estimated volume and dry weight of sludge planned for removal and disposal, including measurements and calculations. b) Analytical results for samples of the sludge taken from the impoundment for TKN, NO₃-N, percent total solids, and any other parameters tested (reported in mg/kg, dry
	 weight basis). c) The method of sludge removal from the impoundment(s). d) The method of disposal for all the sludge (and its contents) removed from the impoundment(s). The method shall comply with all local, state and federal regulations, including 40 CFR Part 503. Note: A proposal that includes the surface disposal of sludge may be subject to Groundwater Discharge Permitting requirements pursuant to 20.6.2.3104 NMAC that are separate from the requirements of this Discharge Permit. e) A schedule for completion of sludge removal and disposal not to exceed two years from the date discharge to the impoundment(s) ceased.
	 Within one year following completion of the sludge removal and disposal, the Permittee shall complete the following closure measures. a) Remove all lines leading to and from the impoundment(s), or permanently plug and abandon the lines in place. b) Remove or demolish any other wastewater system components and re-grade area with suitable fill to blend with surface topography, promote positive drainage and prevent ponding.

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Terms and Conditions c) Characterize, remove and dispose of all solids from the impoundments in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations, and maintain a record of solids transported for off-site disposal, including the volume of solids transported and the disposal location. d) Remove and dispose of the impoundment liners at a solid waste facility. If there is evidence of contaminated soil below the liners, assess the impact, report that assessment to NMED, and mitigate the impacts following NMED approval. e) Fill the impoundment(s) with suitable fill. f) Re-grade the impoundment site and the locations of ancillary equipment, e.g., influent piping, to blend with surface topography, promote positive drainage and prevent ponding. The Permittee shall continue groundwater monitoring until the Permittee meets the requirements of this condition and groundwater monitoring confirms for a minimum of eight consecutive quarterly groundwater sampling events that groundwater does not exceed the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. This period is referred to as "postclosure." If at any time monitoring results show an exceedance of a groundwater quality standard in Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan required by this Discharge Permit. Following notification from NMED that the Permittee may cease post-closure monitoring, the Permittee shall plug and abandon the monitoring well(s) in accordance with the attachment Monitoring Well Guidance. When the Permittee has met all closure and post-closure requirements and verified appropriate actions with date stamped photographic evidence or an associated NMED inspection, the Permittee may submit to NMED a written request, including photographic evidence, for termination of the Discharge Permit.

E. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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56.	 RECORD KEEPING - The Permittee shall maintain a written record of the following: Information and data used to complete the application for this Discharge Permit; Information, data, and documents demonstrating completion of closure activities;

[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection D of 20.6.2.4103 NMAC, 40 CFR Part 503]

Terms and Conditions Any releases (commonly known as "spills") not authorized under this Discharge Permit and reports submitted pursuant to 20.6.2.1203 NMAC; • The operation, maintenance, and repair of all facilities/equipment used to treat, store or dispose of wastewater; • Facility record drawings (plans and specifications) showing the actual construction of the Facility and bear the seal and signature of a licensed New Mexico professional engineer; • Copies of logs, inspection reports, and monitoring reports completed and/or submitted to NMED pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • The volume of wastewater or other wastes discharged pursuant to this Discharge Permit: • Groundwater quality and wastewater quality data collected pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • Copies of construction records (well log) for all sampled groundwater monitoring wells pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • The maintenance, repair, replacement or calibration of any monitoring equipment or flow measurement devices required by this Discharge Permit; and Data and information related to field measurements, sampling, and analysis conducted pursuant to this Discharge Permit, including: o the dates, location and times of sampling or field measurements; o the name and job title of the individuals who performed each sample collection or field measurement; o the sample analysis date of each sample o the name and address of the laboratory, and the name of the signatory authority for the laboratory analysis; o the analytical technique or method used to analyze each sample or collect each field measurement; o the results of each analysis or field measurement, including raw data; o the results of any split, spiked, duplicate or repeat sample; and o a copy of the laboratory analysis chain-of-custody as well as a description of the quality assurance and quality control procedures used. The Permittee shall maintain the written record at a location accessible to NMED during a Facility inspection for the lifetime of the Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall make the record available to the department upon request. [Subsections A and D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC] SUBMITTALS – The Permittee shall submit both a paper copy and an electronic copy of 57. all notification and reporting documents required by this Discharge Permit, e.g.,

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	monitoring reports. The paper and electronic documents shall be submitted to the NMED Permit Contact identified on the Permit cover page.
	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]
58.	INSPECTION and ENTRY – The Permittee shall allow NMED to inspect the Facility and its operations that are subject to this Discharge Permit and the WQCC regulations. NMED may upon presentation of proper credentials, enter at reasonable times upon or through any premises in which a water contaminant source is located or in which any maintained records required by this Discharge Permit, the regulations of the federal government, or the WQCC are located.
	The Permittee shall allow NMED to have access to and reproduce for their use any copy of the records, and to perform assessments, sampling or monitoring during an inspection for the purpose of evaluating compliance with this Discharge Permit and the WQCC regulations.
	No person shall construe anything in this Discharge Permit as limiting in any way the inspection and entry authority of NMED under the WQA, the WQCC Regulations, or any other local, state or federal regulations.
	[Subsection D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-9.B and 74-6-9.E]
59.	DUTY to PROVIDE INFORMATION - The Permittee shall, upon NMED's request, allow for NMED's inspection/duplication of records required by this Discharge Permit and/or furnish to NMED copies of such records.
	[Subsection D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]
60.	MODIFICATIONS and/or AMENDMENTS – In the event the Permittee proposes a change to the Facility or the Facility's discharge that would result in a change in the volume discharged; the location of the discharge; or in the amount or character of water contaminants received, treated or discharged by the Facility, the Permittee shall notify NMED prior to implementing such changes. The Permittee shall obtain NMED's approval (which may require modification of this Discharge Permit) prior to implementing such changes.
	[Subsection C of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections E and G of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
61.	PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS — In the event the Permittee proposes to construct a wastewater system or change a process unit of an existing system such that the quantity or quality of the discharge will change substantially from that authorized by this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall submit construction plans and specifications of the

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sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the requirements of this condition is guilty of a third-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions

Terms and Conditions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who knowingly violates the requirements of this condition or knowingly causes another person to violate the requirements of this condition and thereby causes a substantial adverse environmental impact is guilty of a third-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who knowingly violates the requirements of this condition and knows at the time of the violation that he is creating a substantial danger of death or serious bodily injury to any other person is guilty of a second degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. [20.6.2.1220 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-10.2.A through 74-6-10.2.F] COMPLIANCE with OTHER LAWS - Nothing in this Discharge Permit shall be construed in 64. any way as relieving the Permittee of the obligation to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws, regulations, zoning requirements, nuisance ordinances, permits or orders. [NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.L] RIGHT to APPEAL - The Permittee may file a petition for review before the WQCC on this 65. Discharge Permit. Such petition shall be in writing to the WQCC within thirty days of the receipt of postal notice of this Discharge Permit and shall include a statement of the issues raised and the relief sought. Unless the Permittee files a timely petition for review, the decision of NMED shall be final and not subject to judicial review. [20.6.2.3112 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.0] 66. TRANSFER of DISCHARGE PERMIT - Prior to the transfer of any ownership, control, or possession of this Facility or any portion thereof, the Permittee shall: Notify the proposed transferee in writing of the existence of this Discharge Permit: Include a copy of this Discharge Permit with the notice; and Deliver or send by certified mail to NMED a copy of the notification and proof that the proposed transferee has received such notification. The Permittee shall continue to be responsible for any discharge from the Facility, until both ownership and possession of the Facility have been transferred to the transferee. [20.6.2.3111 NMAC] 67. PERMIT FEES – The Permittee shall be aware that the payment of permit fees is due at the time of Discharge Permit approval. The Permittee may pay the permit fees in a single payment or they may pay the fee in equal installments on a yearly basis over the term of the Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall remit single payments to NMED no later than

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30 days after the Discharge Permit issuance date. The Permittee shall remit initial installment payments to NMED no later than 30 days after the Discharge Permit issuance date; with subsequent installment payments remitted to NMED no later than the anniversary of the Discharge Permit issuance date.

Permit fees are associated with <u>issuance</u> of this Discharge Permit. No person shall construe anything in this Discharge Permit as relieving the Permittee of the obligation to pay all permit fees assessed by NMED. A Permittee that ceases discharging or does not commence discharging from the Facility during the term of the Discharge Permit shall pay all permit fees assessed by NMED. NMED shall suspend or terminate an approved Discharge Permit if the Permittee fails to remit an installment payment by its due date.

[Subsection F of 20.6.2.3114 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.K]